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SUBJECT: DAKAR AFRO-ARAB MEETING

1. ALGERIAN MEDIA HAVE HANDLED DAKAR AFRO-ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING IN STRAIGHTFORWARD NON-INFLAMATORY MANNER.

2. ALGERIAN PRESS GAVE FULL COVERAGE TO SENEGALESE FOREIGN MINISTER SECK'S WILLINGNESS WELCOME ANGOLAN AND GUINEAN DELEGATIONS DESPITE ABSENCE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. EDITORIAL COMMENT HAS STRESSED ARAB/AFRICAN COOPERATION ONE OF GOA FOREIGN POLICY CREDOS, DISCUSSED ISSUES AND FINAL ACCORD SUBSTANTIVELY, AND UNDERLINED POSITIVE SPIRIT OF SESSION, MULTIPLE TIES BETWEEN ARAB AND AFRICAN STATES, AND COMMON BATTLE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.

3. ATTENDANCE GOA FONMIN BOUTEFLIKA, WHO HAS LEFT SUCH TASKS TO COMMERCE MINISTER YAKER RECENTLY, PUTS GOA PARTICIPATION AT HIGH LEVEL. SENEGALESE AMBASSADOR STATES THAT DURING SECK'S RECENT VISIT

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HERE HE PERSONALLY APPEALED TO BOUTEFLIKA TO COME.

4. COMMENT: AFTER PERIOD OF BANEFUL NEGLECT,
ALGERIANS NEED TO REBUILD THEIR BRIDGES WITH THEIR
FELLOW AFRICANS. THEIR APPROACH TO DAKAR SUGGESTS
IT MAY BE BEGINNING OF THIS PROCESS. THEIR APPROACH
ALSO PRESUMABLY REFLECTS CONTINUED INTEREST IN
SENEGALESE INITIATIVES IN WESTERN SAHARA.
WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY IMPRESSION EMB DAKAR
RECEIVED ABOUT ALGERIAN BEHAVIOR AT CONFERENCE AND ANY
HINT OF MOVEMENT ON WESTERN SHARA ISSUE.PARKER

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